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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TWA OFFICIAL IN VIENNA

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1. CHARLES C. ZAMBELLO OF TWA'S PARIS OFFICES WAS IN VIENNA THIS WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED ROUTE SWAP UNDER WHICH TWA WOULD REPLACE PAN AM AS US CARRIER TO AUSTRIA. IN ADDITION TO MEETING WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS ZAMBELLO CALLED ON GENERAL MANAGER PAPOUSEK OF AUSTRIAN AIRLINES AND HAD TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AT AIRPORT. HE SAID AUA AND AIRPORT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE WITH HIM. ZAMBELLO TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT ALTHOUGH CAB HAS NOT YET APPROVED ROUTE SWAP, HE BELIEVES THIS IS IMMINENT AND FOR THAT REASON TWA HAD TO BEGIN ACTIVE PREPARATIONS IN VIENNA NOW.

2. ZAMBELLO INDICATED THAT TWA ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR DAILY FLIGHT NEW YORK-ZURICH-VIENNA WITH TURNAROUND IN VIENNA. HOWEVER, AT LEAST AT THE OUTSET IT HAS NOW BEEN DECIDED TWA WOULD HAVE THREE FLIGHTS WEEKLY BETWEEN VIENNA AND NEW YORK BY WAY OF ZURICH. EQUIPMENT WOULD BE BOEING 707. ZAMBELLO SAID TWA MIGHT WISH TO LAUNCH

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SERVICE AS SOON AS FEBRUARY 10, AS HE ASSUMES THAT

ONCE CAB APPROVAL IS GIVEN PAN AM WILL WISH TO TERMINATE ITS SERVICES HERE VERY QUICKLY.

3. DURING HIS TALK WITH AUA GENERAL MANAGER PAPOUSEK, LATTER INDICATED AUA WANTS CONSULTATIONS WITH USG ON FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS. ZAMBELLO HAD IMPRESSION AUSTRIANS WOULD OPPOSE TWA FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC BETWEEN ZURICH AND VIENNA. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, PURSUE THIS POINT WITH AUA OFFICIALS. ZAMBELLO IN HIS VONVERSATIONS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS NOTED THAT ZURICH-VIENNA ALREADY SERVICED BY FREQUENT AUA AND SWISS AIR FLIGHTS. HE DOUBTED THAT THERE WOULD BE MUCH BUSINESS FOR TWA ON THAT LEG, BUT HE ALSO BELIEVED TWA WOULD WANT TO EXERCISE FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS TO FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.

4. IN VIEW POSSIBILITY OF TWA PLANNING TO INAUGURATE SERVICE HERE NEXT MONTH, WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ON AUSTRIAN REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS UNDER BILATERAL.

5. COMMENT: WE HAD IMPRESSION ZAMBELLO WORKING HARD TO ESTABLISH CORDIAL AND CLOSE RELATIONS WITH AUA. AS EXAMPLE, HE TOLD US AUA WILL BE ASKED BY TWA TO PROVIDE GROUND SERVICES HERE. (PAN AM HAD ALWAYS MAINTAINED SEPARATE GROUND SERVICE FACILITIES.) WE ALSO HAVE IMPRESSION THAT AUA AND AUSTRIAN CIVIL AIR OFFICIALS WOULD WELCOME CHANGE HERE AND A FRESH START WITH NEW U.S. CARRIER. SNAG, HOWEVER, REMAINS FIFTH FREEDOM ISSUE. HUMES

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